



A Reporter's Guide to Campaign Finance Research in Illinois

This document is intended as a shortcut guide to news reporters researching campaign finance data using the Illinois State Board of Elections website, but should be beneficial for anyone examining financial records pertaining to Illinois elections.

Users of this guide will learn to quickly perform searches of political committees and download search results into spreadsheets for further sorting and analysis.

The Board of Elections has been publishing the financial records of all types of political committees on its website since 1998. The site also includes itemized contribution records for committees of legislative and constitutional officer candidates from mid-1994 onward. The agency's digital archive of annual and semiannual committee reports extends to the late 1980s, though these records do not include itemized contribution or expenditure reports. (Itemized reports that predate the online archive are catalogued on microfiche and can be obtained by contacting our [public information officer](#).)

TYPES OF SEARCHES

There are multiple ways of searching financial information on the Board of Elections website, but in the vast majority of cases, reporters who are following an election race, candidate, referendum or independent expenditure committee will obtain the best results by using a committee number as the basis for searches.

There are exceptions – such as when searching for all contributions to multiple committees by a contributor's name, or all campaign expenditures paid to a specific vendor – and those will be covered at the end of this guide.

While the SBE website allows for some basic onscreen sorting of search results, the most efficient way to work with results is by downloading them into a spreadsheet and using the spreadsheet's sorting and filtering functions. Because the website generally limits online display of search results to the first 5,000 items, downloading has the added benefit of delivering complete results regardless of their number.

Another advantage to searching by committee number concerns reporting requirements for contributions of \$1,000 or more. A committee is required to report these contributions within five business days or within two business days if received within 30 days of an election in which the committee is involved. Knowing how to access up-to-the-minute contribution information will keep you apprised of these contributions as they are reported right up to Election Day (as opposed to waiting until they are reported in the next quarterly report).

STEP 1: COMMITTEE SEARCH

The first thing you'll need to do is find the committee number of the committee you're researching. On the [Board of Elections homepage](#), locate and click on the committee search function by hovering over the Press Room tab at the top of the homepage and clicking "Committee Search" in the upper left portion of the drop-down menu:



Select "contains" from the Committee Name drop-down menu and enter either the last name of the candidate whose committee you are researching or, in the case of other types of committees, a portion of the committee's name. This example uses the campaign committee of former Gov. Jim Edgar. Click "search."

The screenshot shows the "Committee Search" form. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the text "Committee Search" in white. Below the header is a light blue form area. At the top of the form is a checkbox labeled "Active Committees Only". Below this are four rows of search criteria, each with a dropdown menu and a text input field. The first row is "Committee Name:" with a dropdown menu set to "Starts with" and a text input field containing "edgar". The second row is "Address:" with a dropdown menu set to "Starts with" and an empty text input field. The third row is "City:" with a dropdown menu set to "Starts with" and an empty text input field. The fourth row is "State:" with a dropdown menu set to "Select a State" and an empty text input field. Below these are two text input fields for "Zip Code:" and "Thru:". Below these are two text input fields for "Committee ID:". Below these are two text input fields for "Committee Type:" with a dropdown menu set to "Select A Type". At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Search" and "Reset". A yellow circle highlights the "Committee Name:" dropdown menu and the text input field containing "edgar".

This generates a list of all committees containing your search term. For this example, the appropriate result is Citizens for Jim Edgar. Clicking the link of a committee name on this list will display the committee's date of establishment, purpose, officers and its most recent reports. That information will be useful in many cases, but for this example we simply want to know the committee's committee ID number, which is 110. Now that we have that number, we can move on to the next step.



| Committee Name | Address | Status | CommitteeID |
|---|--|--------|-------------|
| Business Persons For Edgar | John Bickley Jr, Chairman 230 N Michigan Ave Chicago, IL 60601 | Final | 5339 |
| Citizens for Jim Edgar | PO Box 747 Savoy, IL 61874-0747 | Active | 110 |
| Citizens for William Edgar | PO Box 34 Wheaton, IL 60187-0034 | Final | 21419 |
| Citz For Edgar S.C.C. | 19 Persimmon Ridge Belleville, IL 62223 | Final | 6681 |
| Edgar County Democrat Boosters | c/o Mike Morris 507 W Washington St Paris, IL 61944-1673 | Active | 13199 |
| Edgar County Democratic Central Cmte | c/o Stephanie Standish 5261 N 125th St Kansas, IL 61933-6154 | Active | 590 |
| Edgar County Republican Central Committee | James H Mathis, Sec/Treasurer 513 S Central Ave Paris, IL 61944-2108 | Active | 5247 |
| Educators For Edgar In Champaign County | 2006 Bruce Urbana, IL 61801 | Final | 6680 |
| German Americans For Gov Jim Edgar | C/O Irene Rotter, Treas 2019 W Summerdale Chicago, IL 60625 | Final | 10555 |
| Interested Citizens For Edgar | 900 S Durkin Dr # 2 Springfield, IL 62704 | Final | 6638 |

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STEP 2: CONTRIBUTIONS/EXPENDITURES SEARCH

Now that we have the Committee ID number, we can run search for all contributions to or expenditures by this committee. To search contributions, hover your cursor over the Press Room tab then select “Contributions Search” in the upper left portion of the drop-down menu.



To search expenditures, hover over Press Room and select “Expenditures Search” from the drop-down menu.



We'll use a contributions search for the rest of this example, but the process is identical for expenditures searches.

When the Contributions Search page appears, click the “By Committees” tab. This will open a window containing a committee ID field at the bottom. Type the committee ID number here and click search.

Contributions Search - By Committees

By All Contributions | By Candidate | **By Committees** | By Proposition

Contribution Type: All Types

Last or Only Name: Starts with

First Name: Starts with

Address: Starts with

City: Starts with

State: Select a State

Zip Code: Thru:

Occupation: Starts with

Employer: Starts with

Amount: Thru:

Contribution Received Date: m/d/yyyy Thru: m/d/yyyy

Report Received Date: m/d/yyyy Time:

Thru: m/d/yyyy Time:

Description: Starts with

Committee Name: Contains

Committee ID: 110

Search Reset

If you are only searching within a certain time period, you can limit your search by entering a date range in the “Contribution Received Date” fields. Likewise, if you are looking for a specific contributor to a committee, fill in the name fields. You can further refine your search by entering details into the various other fields.

We’re leaving those fields blank in this example because we want to see all the committee’s contributions.

The resulting search tells us the number and sum of total contributions and offers options for viewing the results. Note that this search returned 8,819 results, but the website can only display 5,000 results.

Contributions Search - By Committees

Contributions List

Showing top 5,000 of 8,819 results. Click download button for all results or refine your search criteria for less results.

Your search results shown have expenditures totaling \$5,155,787.06 for 1 committees.

Download This List Bookmark the Current Results Print This List

| Contributed By | Amount | Report Received Date | Received By | Description | Vendor Name | Vendor Address |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------|---|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| "d" Construction Inc 1488 S Broadway Coal City, IL 60416 | \$200.00 8/1/1995 | 1/31/1996 | Individual Contribution Citizens for Jim Edgar | | | |
| A-1 Lock Inc 101 N Fourth Springfield, IL 62701 | \$1,500.00 7/13/1995 | 1/31/1996 | Individual Contribution Citizens for Jim Edgar | | | |

You may choose to view up to 5,000 results online by using the dropdown menu at the bottom of the page and selecting "all."

Springfield, IL 62705 7/6/1994 Citizens for Jim Edgar

Abdl/Pac
Po Box 396
Springfield, IL 62705 \$500.00
8/31/1994 1/31/1995 Transfer In
Citizens for Jim Edgar

Abdl/Pac
Po Box 396
Springfield, IL 62705 \$2,691.50
4/25/1995 7/31/1995 In-kind Contribution
Citizens for Jim Edgar Beverages For F/R

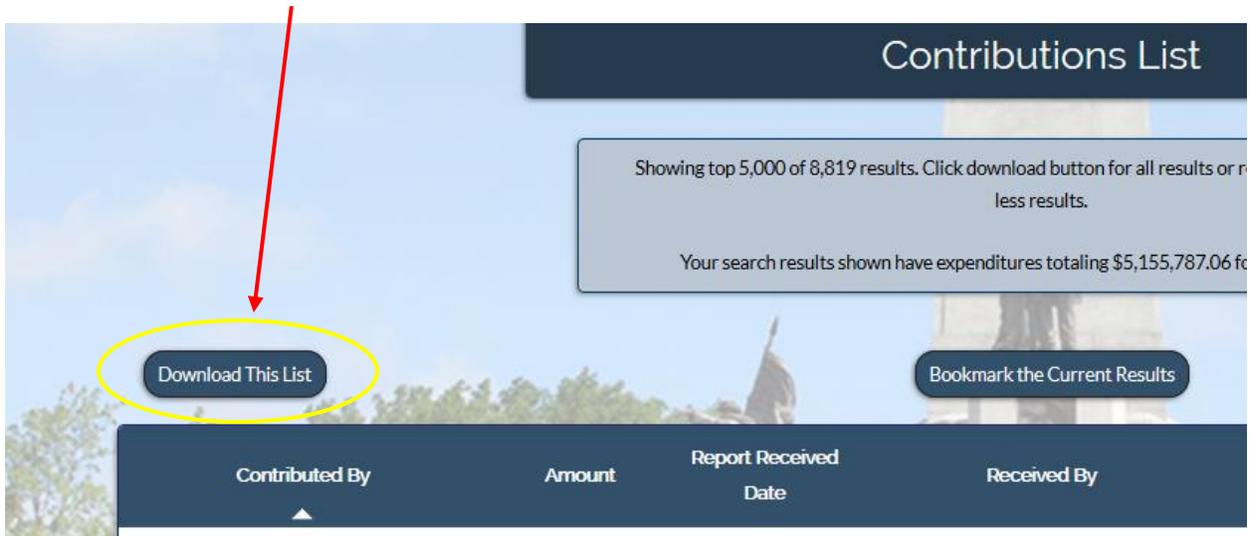
Abell, Rick W
508 Market St
Metropolis, IL 62960 \$500.00
12/14/1994 1/31/1995 Individual Contribution
Citizens for Jim Edgar

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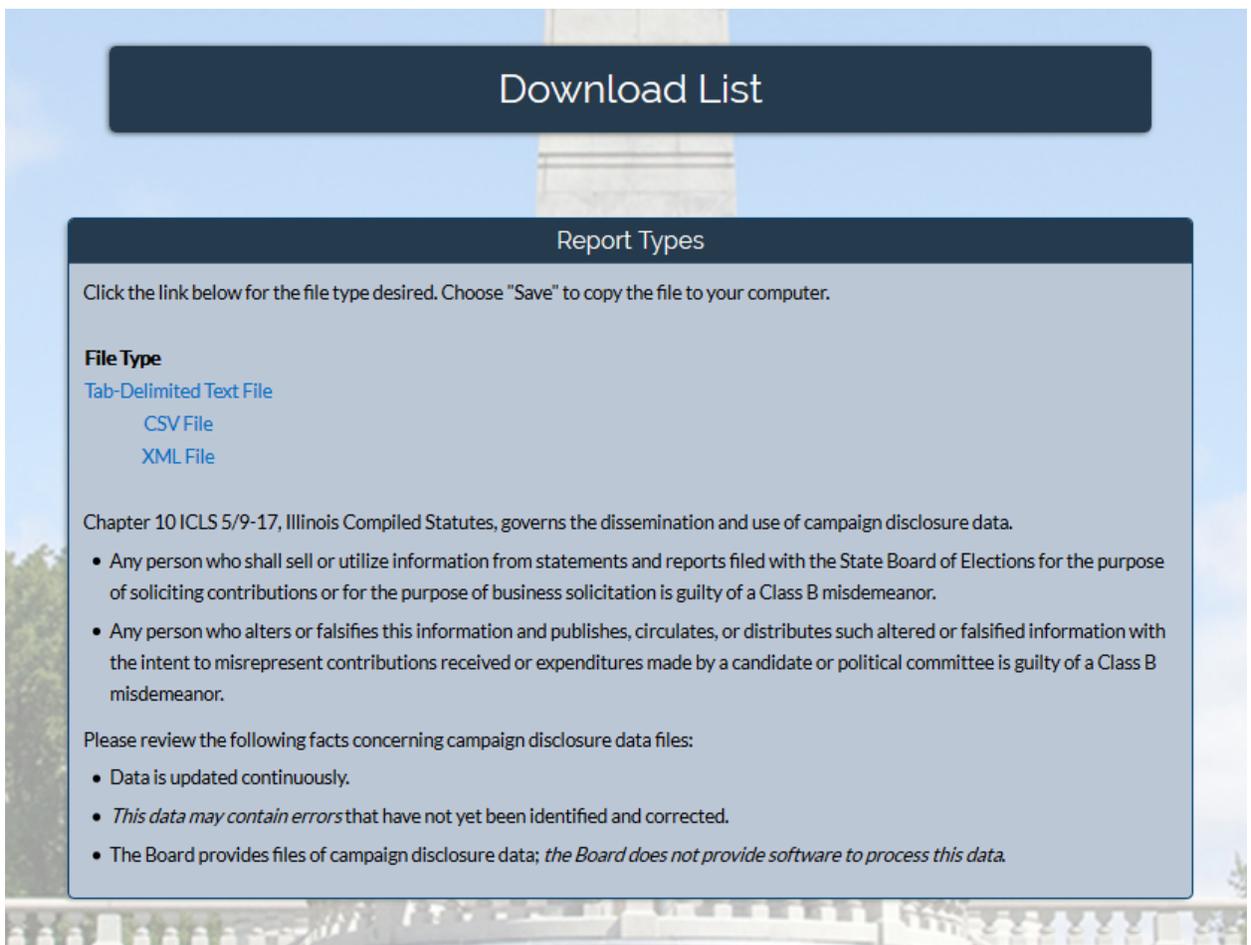
Return to Search

External Links Contact Us

To obtain all results in a search of any size, use the download option. Doing this will let you store your results and allows for greater analysis of data using the sort, filter and other functions in a spreadsheet. Start by clicking "Download This List."



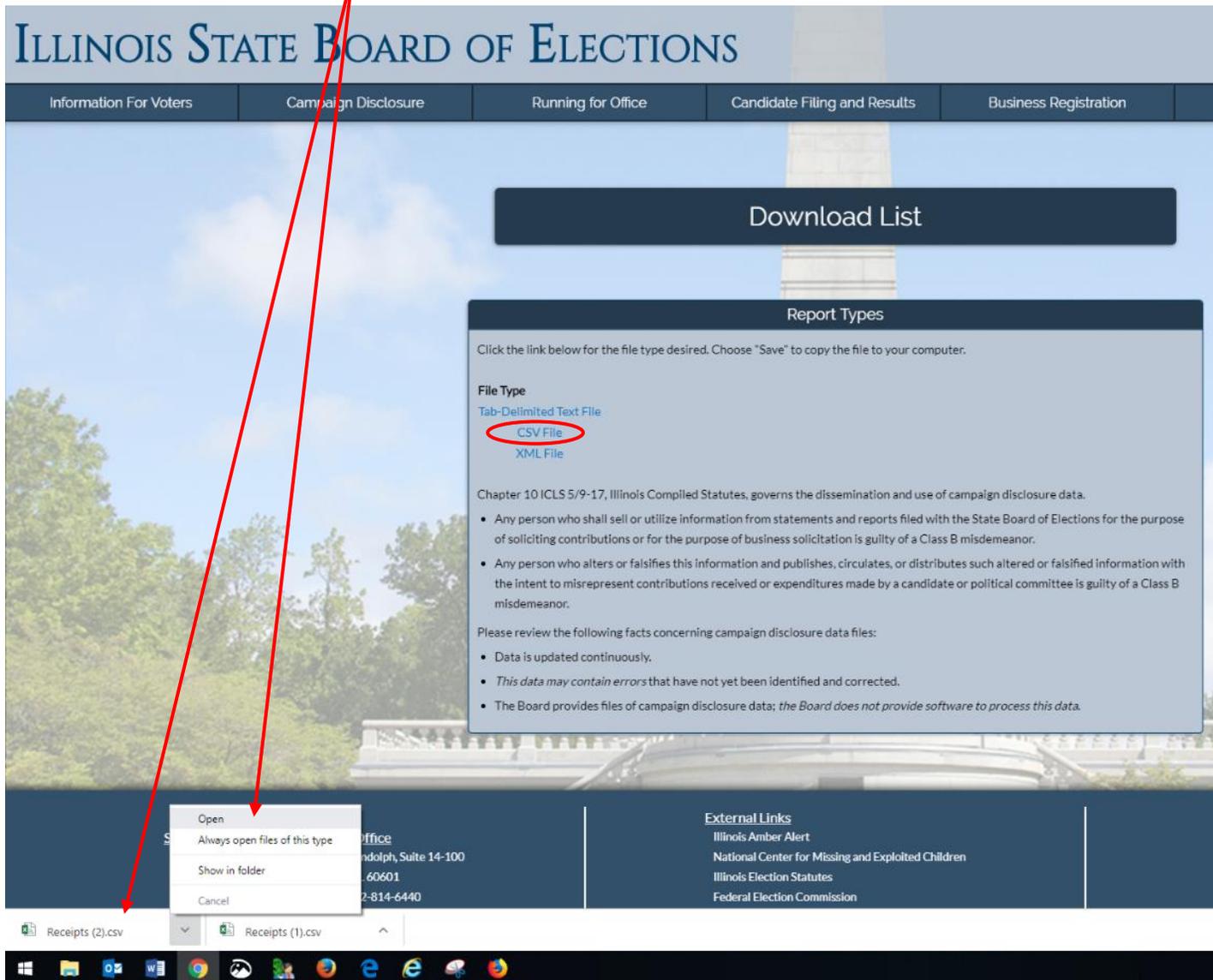
The next screen will give you options for how you want to download your results.



The type of file you choose for your download will depend on which spreadsheet application you will be using. If you use an online spreadsheet such as Google Sheets, skip to the next section, “Online Spreadsheets.”

For most users, choosing CSV File (comma-separated values file) will be the simplest option, as it allows for single-step downloading and opening. In most browsers, clicking CSV File will automatically download a file in a tab at the bottom of your browser window from which it can be opened in your system’s default spreadsheet program. Here’s a look at how the most common browsers display these downloads.

In Google Chrome, clicking CSV file places your download at the bottom the browser window, with a pop-up menu from which it can be opened:



Microsoft Edge and Explorer display downloads as shown here.

The screenshot displays the Illinois Board of Elections website. At the top, the navigation menu includes: Home, Publications, Campaign Disclosure, Running for Office, Candidate Filing and Results, Business Registration, and Press Room. The main content area features a 'Download List' modal with the following text:

Report Types

Click the link below for the file type desired. Choose "Save" to copy the file to your computer.

File type

- [Tab-Delimited Text File](#)
- [CSV File](#)
- [XML File](#)

Chapter 10 ICLS 5/9-17, Illinois Compiled Statutes, governs the dissemination and use of campaign disclosure data.

- Any person who shall sell or utilize information from statements and reports filed with the State Board of Elections for the purpose of soliciting contributions or for the purpose of business solicitation is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.
- Any person who alters or falsifies this information and publishes, circulates, or distributes such altered or falsified information with the intent to misrepresent contributions received or expenditures made by a candidate or political committee is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

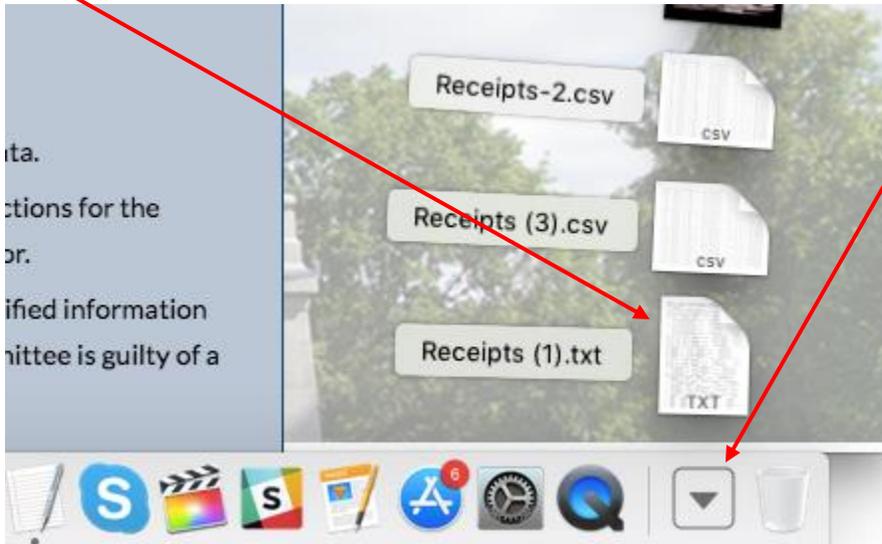
Please review the following facts concerning campaign disclosure data files:

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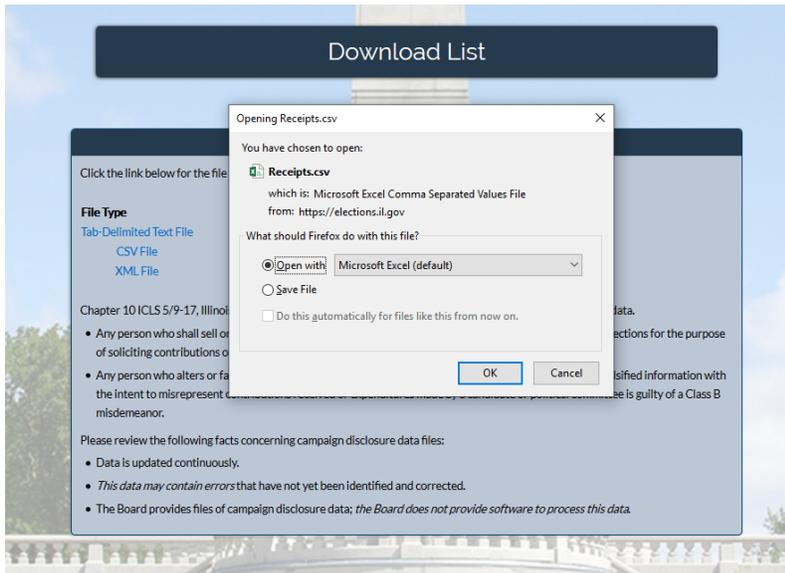
At the bottom of the page, there are sections for 'Chicago Office' (100 W. Randolph, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601, Phone: 312-814-6440, Fax: 312-814-6485), 'External Links' (Illinois Amber Alert, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Illinois Election Statistics), and 'Contact Us' (Feedback, Publications, Glossary, Frequently Asked Questions). A social media bar at the bottom right shows icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

Overlaid on the bottom of the page is a file download dialog box with the text: 'What do you want to do with Receipts.csv? From: elections.il.gov'. The dialog has buttons for 'Open', 'Save', '<', 'Cancel', and 'X'.

Using the Mac Safari browser, the downloaded file is automatically sent to the downloads folder in the dock in the lower right portion of the screen, where it can be opened by clicking the icon and then the file:



Firefox users will see a variation on this window with an option to open the file:



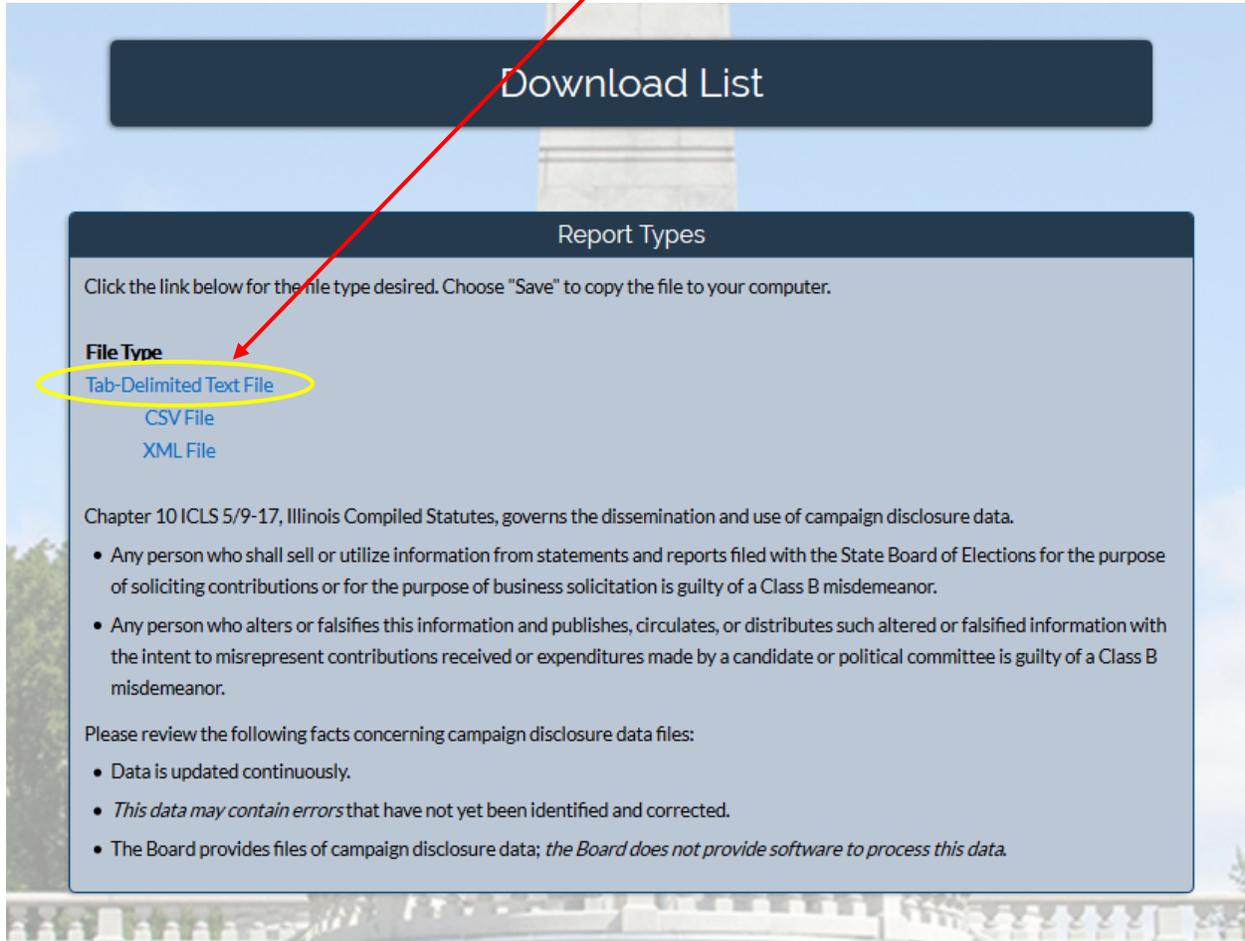
Regardless of which browser you are using, select “open” and your CSV file will open in a spreadsheet.

(You can use this same process to search and download a committee’s expenditures. Just repeat the steps above but choose [“Expenditures Search”](#) from the Press Room dropdown menu in Step 2.)

If you are using an online spreadsheet such as Google Sheets, the process is slightly different.

ONLINE SPREADSHEET

The simplest way to move your results into an online spreadsheet involves copying and pasting using the Tab Delimited Text File option. When you click Tab Delimited Text File, the download process is identical to the one described above.



Download List

Report Types

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File Type

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- [XML File](#)

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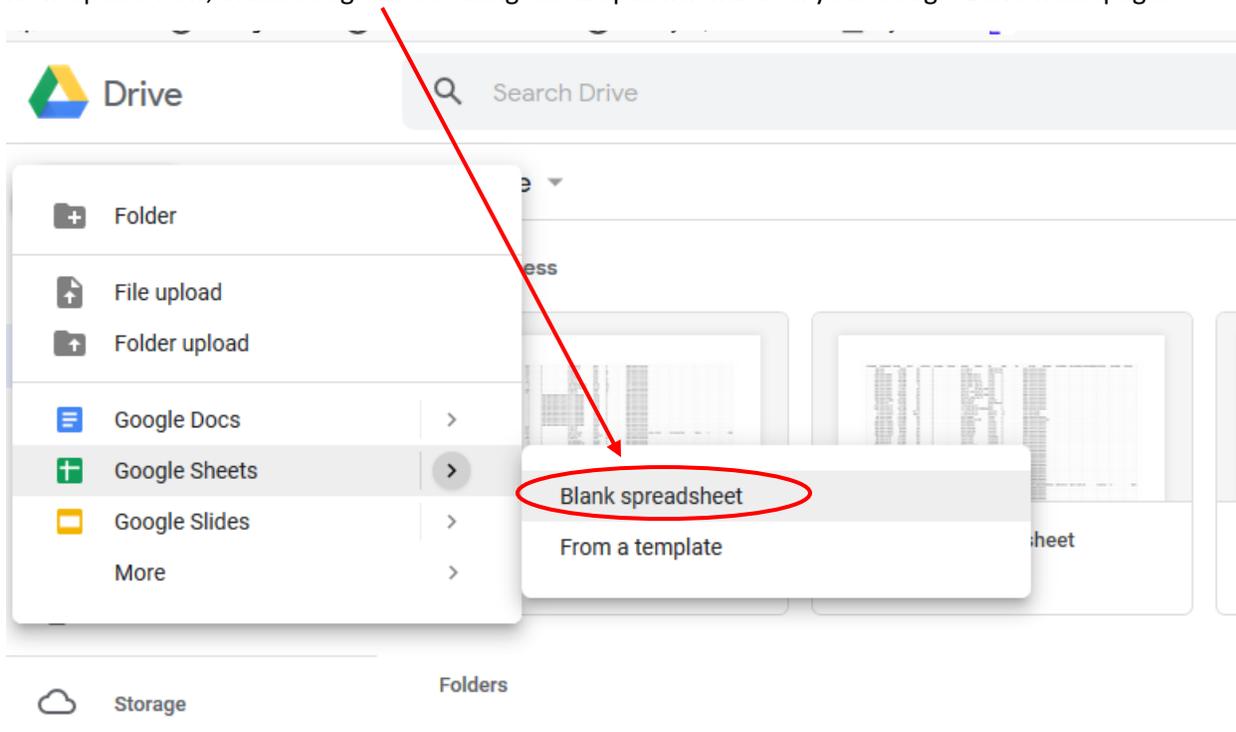
| CommitteeID | ContributedBy | RcvDate | Amount | LoanAmount | Occupation | Employer | Address1 | Address2 | City | State | Zip | RctType | Description |
|-------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------|------------|------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|------|------------|-----|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 110 | "d" Construction Inc | 8/1/1995 | 200 | 0 | | 1488 S Broadway | Coal City | | IL | 60416 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | "d" Construction Inc | 5/3/1996 | 350 | 0 | | 1488 S Broadway | Coal City | | IL | 60416 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | A-1 Lock Inc | 7/13/1995 | 1500 | 0 | | 101 N Fourth | Springfield | | IL | 62701 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | A-1 Lock Inc | 5/15/1996 | 500 | 0 | | 101 N Fourth | Springfield | | IL | 62701 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | A-1 Lock Inc | 5/16/1996 | 500 | 0 | | 101 N Fourth | Springfield | | IL | 62701 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | A-1 Lock Inc | 5/22/1996 | 200 | 0 | | 101 N Fourth | Springfield | | IL | 62701 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | A-1 Lock Inc | 7/16/1996 | 1000 | 0 | | 101 N 4th | Springfield | | IL | 62701 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | A-1 Lock Inc | 5/9/1997 | 500 | 0 | | 101 N 4th At Washington | Springfield | | IL | 62701 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | A-1 Lock Inc | 5/15/1997 | 1000 | 0 | | 101 N 4th At Washington | Springfield | | IL | 62701 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | A-1 Lock Inc | 9/5/1997 | 1000 | 0 | | 101 N 4th At Washington | Springfield | | IL | 62701 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Aai/Campbell Inc | 9/6/1994 | 1500 | 0 | | No 1 Design Mesa | | Collinsville | IL | 62234 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Aai/Campbell Inc | 11/7/1994 | 1500 | 0 | | No 1 Design Mesa | | Collinsville | IL | 62234 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Aai/Campbell Inc | 12/18/1996 | 1500 | 0 | | No 1 Design Mesa | | Collinsville | IL | 62234 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Aaic Inc | 10/28/1996 | 4000 | 0 | | No 1 Design Mesa | | Collinsville | IL | 62234 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Aaic Inc | 5/13/1997 | 500 | 0 | | No 1 Design Mesa | | Collinsville | IL | 62234 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Abator Information Services | 4/19/1996 | 100 | 0 | | 7207 Beacon Hill Dr | | Pittsburgh | PA | 15221 | | Individual Cont | |
| 110 | Abator Information Services | 4/19/1996 | 200 | 0 | | 7207 Beacon Hill Dr | | Pittsburgh | PA | 15221 | | Individual Cont | |
| 110 | Abbey Development Corp | 4/25/1997 | 3000 | 0 | | 1400 S Wolf Rd Ste 135 | | Wheeling | IL | 60090 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Abbey Management Corp | 3/11/1996 | 3000 | 0 | | 570 Lake Cook Rd Ste 404 | | Deerfield | IL | 60015 | | Individual Cont | |
| 110 | Abbott House | 3/11/1996 | 2500 | 0 | | 405 Central Av | | Highland Park | IL | 60035 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Abbott Laboratories | 5/7/1996 | 1500 | 0 | | 1 Abbott Park Rd Po Box 177 | | Abbott Park | IL | 60064 | | Individual Cont | |
| 110 | Abbott Laboratories | 6/7/1997 | 1500 | 0 | | One Abbott Pk Rd | | Abbott Park | IL | 60064-3500 | | Individual Cont | |
| 110 | Abc Pac | 5/24/1996 | 200 | 0 | | Rte 1 Box 255 | | Decatur | IL | 62526 | | Transfer In | |
| 110 | Abdi Pac | 7/13/1995 | 1000 | 0 | | Po Box 396 | | Springfield | IL | 62705 | | Transfer In | |
| 110 | Abdi/Pac | 10/26/1994 | 2500 | 0 | | Po Box 396 | | Springfield | IL | 62705 | | Transfer In | |
| 110 | Abdi/Pac | 7/6/1994 | 2000 | 0 | | Po Box 396 | | Springfield | IL | 62705 | | Transfer In | |
| 110 | Abdi/Pac | 8/31/1994 | 500 | 0 | | Po Box 396 | | Springfield | IL | 62705 | | Transfer In | |
| 110 | Abdi/Pac | 4/25/1995 | 2691.5 | 0 | | Po Box 396 | | Springfield | IL | 62705 | | In-kind Contribution | Beverages For F |
| 110 | Abdi/Pac | 7/16/1996 | 2000 | 0 | | Po Box 396 | | Springfield | IL | 62705 | | Transfer In | |
| 110 | Abdi/Pac | 11/18/1996 | 1000 | 0 | | Po Box 396 | | Springfield | IL | 62705 | | Transfer In | |
| 110 | Abdi/Pac | 8/2/1997 | 1200 | 0 | | Po Box 396 | | Springfield | IL | 62705 | | Transfer In | |
| 110 | Abell, Rick W | 12/14/1994 | 500 | 0 | | 508 Market St | | Metropolis | IL | 62960 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Ac Pavement Striping | 10/20/1994 | 500 | 0 | | 3036 Orchard Pl | | Desplaines | IL | 60018 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Ac Pavement Striping | 11/29/1995 | 250 | 0 | | 3036 Orchard Pl | | Des Plaines | IL | 60018 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Access Control Co | 5/3/1996 | 250 | 0 | | 101 Fifth Av | | Moline | IL | 61265 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Accu Lab Medical Testing | 6/28/1997 | 1500 | 0 | | 1310 S Wabash Av | | Chicago | IL | 60605 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Accu-lab Medical Testing | 7/27/1994 | 1500 | 0 | | 1310 S Wabash Ave | | Chicago | IL | 60605 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Accu-lab Medical Testing | 8/14/1995 | 500 | 0 | | 1310 S Wabash Av | | Chicago | IL | 60605 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Accu-lab Medical Testing | 12/15/1995 | 1500 | 0 | | 1310 S Wabash Av | | Chicago | IL | 60605 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Accu-lab Medical Testing | 8/28/1996 | 500 | 0 | | 1310 S Wabash Av | | Chicago | IL | 60605 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Arc Capital Group Inc | 12/3/1996 | 1000 | 0 | | 900 N Michigan #1000 | | Chicago | IL | 60611 | | Individual Contribution | |

Press control-A (command-A on a Mac) to select all the text, then press control-C (or command-C) to place it on your clipboard. Selected text will look like this:

| CommitteeID | ContributedBy | RcvDate | Amount | LoanAmount | Occupation | Employer | Address1 | Address2 | City | State | Zip | RctType | Description |
|-------------|--|------------|--------|------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------------|------|------------|-----|-------------------------|-------------|
| 110 | Zanetello, Angela D | 4/26/1995 | 300 | 0 | | 4205 Pickfair Rd | Springfield | | IL | 62702 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zanetello, Angela D | 5/3/1995 | 300 | 0 | | 4205 Pickfair Rd | Springfield | | IL | 62702 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zaransky, Steve & Julianne | 7/18/1994 | 150 | 0 | | 2500 N Lakeview, #601 | | Chicago | IL | 60614 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zaransky, Steve & Julianne | 7/26/1994 | 50 | 0 | | 2500 N Lakeview, #601 | | Chicago | IL | 60614 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zaransky, Steve & Julianne | 10/26/1994 | 25 | 0 | | 2500 N Lakeview, #601 | | Chicago | IL | 60614 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zehnder, Kenneth E | 7/13/1995 | 250 | 0 | | 43 Illmoorland | Springfield | | IL | 62702 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zehnder, Kenneth E | 4/19/1996 | 100 | 0 | | 43 Illmoorland | Springfield | | IL | 62702 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zehnder, Kenneth E | 5/11/1996 | 300 | 0 | | 43 Illmoorland | Springfield | | IL | 62702 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zehnder, Kenneth E | 8/14/1996 | 300 | 0 | | 43 Illmoorland | Springfield | | IL | 62702 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zehnder, Kenneth E | 5/13/1997 | 200 | 0 | | 43 Illmoorland | Springfield | | IL | 62702 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zehnder, Kenneth E | 6/17/1997 | 300 | 0 | | 43 Illmoorland | Springfield | | IL | 62702 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zeigler, Todd E | 9/28/1994 | 300 | 0 | | 719 Prairie St | | Altamont | IL | 62411 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zell, Samuel | 7/28/1994 | 5000 | 0 | | Two N Riverside Plaza | | Chicago | IL | 60606 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zell, Samuel | 4/23/1997 | 1500 | 0 | | Two N Riverside Plz | | Chicago | IL | 60606 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zenarosa, Nestor R | 8/22/1994 | 500 | 0 | | 380 W Lincoln | | Belleville | IL | 62220 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zerfas, Robert & Sarah | 6/29/1997 | 150 | 0 | | 1961 N Bissell | | Chicago | IL | 60614 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zerfas, Robert & Sarah | 5/9/1997 | 100 | 0 | | 1961 N Bissell | | Chicago | IL | 60614 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zettek, Chris & Tina | 7/27/1994 | 250 | 0 | | 3332 Rawlings Dr | | Springfield | IL | 62704 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zielonko, Thomas A | 8/22/1994 | 1000 | 0 | | Rn 6, Box 209 | | Mt Vernon | IL | 62864 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zielonko, Thomas A | 10/17/1995 | 1000 | 0 | | Rn 6 Box 209 | | Mt Vernon | IL | 62864 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zielonko, Thomas A | 10/28/1996 | 1000 | 0 | | Rn 6 Box 209 | | Mt Vernon | IL | 62864 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zillmer, Theodore W | 8/30/1996 | 300 | 0 | | 1 N Dee Rd #2g | | Park Ridge | IL | 60068 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zillmer, Theodore W | 6/28/1997 | 300 | 0 | | 1 N Dee Rd 2g | | Park Ridge | IL | 60068 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zollar, Lowell & Doris | 12/3/1996 | 500 | 0 | | 1700 E 56th St | | Chicago | IL | 60637 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zollar, Nikki | 10/27/1994 | 50 | 0 | | 6901 S Constance Ave | | Chicago | IL | 60649 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zollar, Nikki | 10/4/1994 | 250 | 0 | | 6901 S Constance Ave | | Chicago | IL | 60649 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zollar, Nikki | 12/3/1996 | 1000 | 0 | | 6901 S Constance Av | | Chicago | IL | 60649 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zucker, Neal S | 10/19/1994 | 300 | 0 | | 100 E Bellevue Pl | | Chicago | IL | 60611 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zucker, Neal S | 10/19/1994 | 300 | 0 | | 100 E Bellevue Pl | | Chicago | IL | 60611 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zuhke, Kenneth E & Patricia | 7/13/1995 | 250 | 0 | | 179 N Meadowbrook Rd | | Springfield | IL | 62707 | | Individual Cont | |
| 110 | Zuhke, Kenneth E & Patricia | 5/3/1996 | 250 | 0 | | 179 N Meadowbrook Rd | | Springfield | IL | 62707 | | Individual Cont | |
| 110 | Zuhke, Kenneth E & Patricia | 5/9/1997 | 200 | 0 | | 179 N Meadowbrook Rd | | Springfield | IL | 62707 | | Individual Cont | |
| 110 | Zulmas Dist | 9/6/1994 | 200 | 0 | | 80 North St | | Park Forest | IL | 60466 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zulmas Dist | 10/25/1996 | 250 | 0 | | 80 North St | | Park Forest | IL | 60466 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zurekat, Ziad & Suzan | 11/7/1994 | 500 | 0 | | 13852 Deerpath Dr | | Orland Park | IL | 60462 | | Individual Contribution | |
| 110 | Zurheide Herrmann Inc Consulting Engineers | 11/29/1995 | 2500 | 0 | | 2 Henson Pl | | Champaign | IL | 61820 | | Individ | |
| 110 | Zurheide-herrmann Inc | 11/7/1994 | 2500 | 0 | | Consulting Engineers | | 2 Henson Pl | IL | 61820 | | Individual Cont | |
| 110 | Zurheide-herrmann Inc Consulting Engineers | 12/18/1996 | 2500 | 0 | | 2 Henson Pl | | Champaign | IL | 61820 | | Individ | |
| 110 | Zurich Insurance Co | 5/3/1995 | 350 | 0 | | Zurich Towers | | 1400 American Ln | IL | 60196-1056 | | Individual Cont | |
| 110 | Zurich-american State & Local Pac | 10/5/1994 | 250 | 0 | | 1400 American Ln | | Schaumburg | IL | 60196 | | Transfe | |

(Note: The copy-paste method can also be used to place data into any blank spreadsheet or to add data to an existing sheet.)

Now open a new, blank Google Sheet using the dropdown menu on your Google Drive homepage:



When the new sheet appears, click control-V (command-V on a Mac) to paste your results into the sheet. (This may take some time if, as in this example, your search contains a large number of results.)

| CommitteID | ContributedBy | RcvDate | Amount | LoansAmount | Occupation | Employer | Address1 | Address2 | City | State | Zip | RctType | Description | VendorName | VendorAddress1 | VendorAddress2 | VendorCity |
|------------|-------------------|------------|--------|-------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|---------------|-------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| 110 | d Construction In | 8/1/1995 | 200 | 0 | | | 1488 S Broadway | | Coal City | IL | | 60416 | Individual Contribution | | | | |
| 110 | d Construction In | 5/3/1996 | 350 | 0 | | | 1488 S Broadway | | Coal City | IL | | 60416 | Individual Contribution | | | | |
| 110 | A-1 Lock Inc | 7/13/1995 | 1500 | 0 | | | 101 N Fourth | | Springfield | IL | | 62701 | Individual Contribution | | | | |
| 110 | A-1 Lock Inc | 5/15/1996 | 500 | 0 | | | 101 N Fourth | | Springfield | IL | | 62701 | Individual Contribution | | | | |
| 110 | A-1 Lock Inc | 5/16/1996 | 500 | 0 | | | 101 N Fourth | | Springfield | IL | | 62701 | Individual Contribution | | | | |
| 110 | A-1 Lock Inc | 5/22/1996 | 200 | 0 | | | 101 N Fourth | | Springfield | IL | | 62701 | Individual Contribution | | | | |
| 110 | A-1 Lock Inc | 7/16/1996 | 1000 | 0 | | | 101 N 4th | | Springfield | IL | | 62701 | Individual Contribution | | | | |
| 110 | A-1 Lock Inc | 5/8/1997 | 500 | 0 | | | 101 N 4th At Washington | | Springfield | IL | | 62701 | Individual Contribution | | | | |
| 110 | A-1 Lock Inc | 5/15/1997 | 1000 | 0 | | | 101 N 4th At Washington | | Springfield | IL | | 62701 | Individual Contribution | | | | |
| 110 | A-1 Lock Inc | 9/5/1997 | 1000 | 0 | | | 101 N 4th At Washington | | Springfield | IL | | 62701 | Individual Contribution | | | | |
| 110 | Aai/Campbell Inc | 9/6/1994 | 1500 | 0 | | | No 1 Design Mesa | | Collinsville | IL | | 62234 | Individual Contribution | | | | |
| 110 | Aai/Campbell Inc | 11/7/1994 | 1500 | 0 | | | No 1 Design Mesa | | Collinsville | IL | | 62234 | Individual Contribution | | | | |
| 110 | Aai/Campbell Inc | 12/18/1996 | 1500 | 0 | | | No 1 Design Mesa | | Collinsville | IL | | 62234 | Individual Contribution | | | | |
| 110 | Aaic Inc | 10/28/1996 | 4000 | 0 | | | No 1 Design Mesa | | Collinsville | IL | | 62234 | Individual Contribution | | | | |
| 110 | Aaic Inc | 5/13/1997 | 500 | 0 | | | No 1 Design Mesa | | Collinsville | IL | | 62234 | Individual Contribution | | | | |
| 110 | Abator Informatio | 4/19/1996 | 100 | 0 | | | 7207 Beacon Hill Dr | | Pittsburgh | PA | | 15221 | Individual Contribution | | | | |
| 110 | Abator Informatio | 4/19/1996 | 200 | 0 | | | 7207 Beacon Hill Dr | | Pittsburgh | PA | | 15221 | Individual Contribution | | | | |
| 110 | Abbey Developm | 4/25/1997 | 3000 | 0 | | | 1400 S Wolf Rd Ste 135 | | Wheeler | IL | | 60090 | Individual Contribution | | | | |
| 110 | Abbey Managem | 3/11/1996 | 3000 | 0 | | | 570 Lake Cook Rd Ste 404 | | Deerfield | IL | | 60015 | Individual Contribution | | | | |
| 110 | Abbott House | 3/11/1996 | 2500 | 0 | | | 405 Central Av | | Highland Park | IL | | 60035 | Individual Contribution | | | | |
| 110 | Abbott Laborator | 5/7/1996 | 1500 | 0 | | | 1 Abbott Park Rd Po Box 177 | | Abbott Park | IL | | 60064 | Individual Contribution | | | | |
| 110 | Abbott Laborator | 6/7/1997 | 1500 | 0 | | | One Abbott Pk R Po Box 177 | | Abbott Park | IL | 60064-3500 | Individual Contribution | | | | | |
| 110 | Abc Pac | 5/24/1996 | 200 | 0 | | | Rte 1 Box 255 | | Decatur | IL | | 62526 | Transfer In | | | | |
| 110 | Abdi Pac | 7/13/1995 | 1000 | 0 | | | Po Box 396 | | Springfield | IL | | 62705 | Transfer In | | | | |
| 110 | Abdi Pac | 10/26/1994 | 2500 | 0 | | | Po Box 396 | | Springfield | IL | | 62705 | Transfer In | | | | |
| 110 | Abdi Pac | 7/6/1994 | 2000 | 0 | | | Po Box 396 | | Springfield | IL | | 62705 | Transfer In | | | | |
| 110 | Abdi Pac | 8/31/1994 | 500 | 0 | | | Po Box 396 | | Springfield | IL | | 62705 | Transfer In | | | | |
| 110 | Abdi Pac | 4/25/1995 | 2691.5 | 0 | | | Po Box 396 | | Springfield | IL | | 62705 | In-kind Contributi Beverages For FIR | | | | |
| 110 | Abdi Pac | 7/16/1996 | 2000 | 0 | | | Po Box 396 | | Springfield | IL | | 62705 | Transfer In | | | | |
| 110 | Abdi Pac | 11/18/1996 | 1000 | 0 | | | Po Box 396 | | Springfield | IL | | 62705 | Transfer In | | | | |
| 110 | Abdi Pac | 8/2/1997 | 1200 | 0 | | | Po Box 396 | | Springfield | IL | | 62705 | Transfer In | | | | |
| 110 | Abell, Rick W | 12/14/1994 | 500 | 0 | | | 508 Market St | | Metropolis | IL | | 62960 | Individual Contribution | | | | |
| 110 | Ac Pavement Str | 10/20/1994 | 500 | 0 | | | 3036 Orchard Pl | | Desplains | IL | | 60018 | Individual Contribution | | | | |

You can access a Google Sheet's basic sorting functions by clicking the arrow in a column heading. Be sure to name your sheet.

| CommitteID | ContributedBy | RcvDate | Amount |
|------------|-------------------|-----------|--------|
| 110 | d Construction In | 8/1/1995 | 200 |
| 110 | d Construction In | 5/3/1996 | 350 |
| 110 | A-1 Lock Inc | 7/13/1995 | 1500 |
| 110 | A-1 Lock Inc | 5/15/1996 | 500 |
| 110 | A-1 Lock Inc | 5/16/1996 | 500 |

OTHER COMMON SEARCHES

The process above is all geared toward researching the financial activity of a specific committee.

But often researchers want to find information about a single donor's overall contributions to multiple committees. Another frequent search involves expenditures paid to specific individuals or entities by multiple committees.

For these results, use the ["By All Contributions"](#) or ["By All Expenditures"](#) tabs.

Contributions Search - All Contributions

By All Contributions | By Candidates | By Committees | By Proposition

Contribution Type: All Types

Last or Only Name: Starts with

First Name: Starts with

Address: Starts with

City: Starts with

State: Select a State

Zip Code: Thru:

Occupation: Starts with

Employer: Starts with

Amount: Thru:

Contribution Received Date: m/d/yyyy Thru: m/d/yyyy

Report Received Date: m/d/yyyy Time: Thru: m/d/yyyy Time:

Description: Starts with

Search Reset

Expenditures Search - All Expenditures

By All Expenditures | By Candidates | By Committees | By Proposition

Expenditure Type: All Types

Last or Only Name: Starts with

First Name: Starts with

Address: Starts with

City: Starts with

State: Select a State

Zip Code: Thru:

Purpose: Starts with

Beneficiary: Starts with

Amount: Thru:

Date Expended: m/d/yyyy Thru: m/d/yyyy

Report Received Date: m/d/yyyy Time: Thru: m/d/yyyy Time:

Search Reset

To find all contributions from a specific donor (above left), fill in as much information as necessary for your search (you can limit by date or amount, for example).

To find expenditures paid to specific vendors or individuals, do the same in an expenditures search.

Downloading results is the same process as described earlier.

In this example, we entered “McDonald” as the last name in an expenditure search and turned up 694 records. When we added “meal” to the “purpose” field of the search, our results were reduced to 201 records, all to McDonalds restaurants:

Expenditures Search - All Expenditures

By All Expenditures
By Candidates
By Committees
By Proposition

Expenditure Type: All Types

Last or Only Name: Starts with mcdonald x

First Name: Starts with

Address: Starts with

City: Starts with

State: Select a State

Zip Code: Thru:

Purpose: Contains meal

Beneficiary: Starts with

Amount: Thru:

Date Expended: m/d/yyyy Thru: m/d/yyyy

Report Received Date: m/d/yyyy Time:

Thru: m/d/yyyy Time:

Search
Reset

Expenditure Search Results

Your search found expenditures totaling \$10,803.57.

Download This List
Bookmark the Current Results
Print This List

| Received By | Amount | Report Received Date | Expended By | Purpose / Beneficiary | Candidate Name | Office - District | Supporting / Opposing |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|---|---|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| McDonalds 1664 s Blue Island Chicago, IL 60608 | \$29.97 1/25/2019 | 4/15/2019 | Expended By 25th Ward Regular Democratic Organization | Meal 25th Ward Regular Democratic Organization | | | |
| McDonalds 1664 s Blue Island Chicago, IL 60608 | \$33.92 2/6/2019 | 4/15/2019 | Expended By 25th Ward Regular Democratic Organization | Meals 25th Ward Regular Democratic Organization | | | |
| McDonalds 1664 s Blue Island Chicago, IL 60608 | \$29.76 2/20/2019 | 4/15/2019 | Expended By 25th Ward Regular Democratic Organization | Meals 25th Ward Regular Democratic Organization | | | |
| McDonalds 1664 s Blue Island Chicago, IL 60608 | \$24.85 2/25/2019 | 4/15/2019 | Expended By 25th Ward Regular Democratic Organization | Meals 25th Ward Regular Democratic Organization | | | |
| McDonalds 1664 s Blue Island Chicago, IL 60608 | \$11.99 3/20/2019 | 4/15/2019 | Expended By 25th Ward Regular Democratic Organization | Meals 25th Ward Regular Democratic Organization | | | |
| McDonalds 1664 s Blue Island Chicago, IL 60608 | \$68.87 10/10/2018 | 4/2/2019 | Expended By 25th Ward Regular Democratic Organization | Meals 25th Ward Regular Democratic Organization | | | |

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201 Total Records
21 Total Pages

HELPFUL HINTS

Bookmark links to specific kinds of searches ([committee](#), [contributions](#), [expenditures](#)) for quick access.

Bookmark results of searches you plan to revisit frequently. The bookmark option is displayed atop all search results.

Contributions Search - By Committees

Contributions List

Showing top 5,000 of 8,819 results. Click download button for all results or refine your search criteria for less results.

Your search results shown have expenditures totaling \$5,155,787.06 for 1 committees.

Bookmark the Current Results

| Amount | Report Received | Received By | Description | Vendor Name |
|--------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|--------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|

Be sure to name files you download or create online. This easily forgotten step can make a big difference when dealing with multiple committees over time.

For a basic understanding of campaign finance rules in Illinois, see the [Understanding Campaign Disclosure](#) page.

The campaign contribution limits for the 2020 election cycle are [here](#).

For questions or help with using this guide or conducting campaign finance research, contact public information officer Matt Dietrich at mdietrich@elections.il.gov or (217) 558-1955.